

1	2	3	4	5	6
8	Haryana	19	818.41	27	43002.48
9	Himachal Pradesh	-	--	03	5030.00
10	Jharkhand	01	36.00	-	--
11	Karnataka	29	1653.10	17	4720.96
12	Kerala	10	169.65	02	414.00
13	Madhya Pradesh	04	71.25	06	9309.25
14	Maharashtra	48	8367.00	26	34103.00
15	Orissa	05	745.61	07	4060.30
16	Podicherry	01	346.00	-	--
17	Punjab	04	252.00	07	1571.00
18	Rajasthan	03	89.23	08	12251.32
19	Tamil Nadu	25	1300.60	12	5078.02
20	Uttaranchal	03	468.20	01	14.00
21	Uttar Pradesh	08	133.83	10	5954.25
22	West Bengal	07	170.26	14	11827.14
TOTAL		237	34509.71	163	148663.11

(c) Land being a State subject, decision to identify or allot land for various purposes including SEZ is taken by the respective State Governments in accordance with the policies laid down for the purpose. Proposals duly recommended by the State Governments only are granted approval by the Central Government.

(d) Information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **RBI suggestions regarding SEZs**

1492. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy on setting up of SEZs in various parts of the country;

(b) whether Government would adhere to the suggestions proposed by the Reserve Bank of India that SEZs would aggravate uneven development in the country; and

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(c) whether the Finance Ministry has raised any objections about the existing exporters moving to SEZs, to save taxes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Applications for establishing Special Economic Zones (SEZs) can be made to the concerned State Government or directly to the Central Government. However, only the proposals duly recommended by the State Governments are granted approval by the Central Government as per the provisions of the SEZ Act 2005 and the SEZ Rules 2006.

(b) The proposals for setting up SEZs received by the Central Government are from 21 States and 3 Union Territories. Out of these, formal approvals have been granted in 237 cases till date covering 17 States and 2 Union Territories.

(c) The SEZ Act, 2005 read with SEZ Rules, 2006 does not allow for conversion of existing units to SEZs. Further, the SEZ Rules, 2006 have been amended prohibiting usage of the domestically used Capital Goods by the SEZ Units.

#### **Defining waste land for SEZs**

1493. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the term waste land in acquiring the land for Special Economic Zones has been defined in clear terms, so that it may be uniformly applied across the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a fertile land at times can become waste land, in view of unclear title or dispute, if so, what checks Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) Land is a State subject. Each State acquires land for roads, highways, ports, airports, institutions, irrigation projects, industrial areas and other purposes. Each State has its own policy in this regard. However, the States have been advised that